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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 15

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to wineries.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, as amended, Chesbro. Wineries: leadership.

This measure would proclaim April 2013 as the “California Wines: Down to Earth” month, to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California wineries and winegrape growers.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Sustainability is a vital part of the long-term future  
2 of California wine, which contributes an estimated \$61.5 billion  
3 in annual economic impact to California's economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Wine Institute and the California Association of  
5 Wine Grape Growers created the California Code of Sustainable  
6 Winegrowing workbook more than a decade ago, with the third  
7 edition released in January 2013, and it has since been used by  
8 vineyards and wineries representing three quarters of California's  
9 wine grape acreage and production to self-assess operations; and

10 WHEREAS, The California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing,  
11 now managed by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance,  
12 is comprised of more than 200 best practices for vineyards and  
13 wineries that benefit the environment, employees, neighbors, and  
14 high-quality wine; and

15 WHEREAS, Other state and regional sustainability programs,  
16 such as Lodi Rules, Sustainability in Practice (SIP), Napa Green,  
17 Fish Friendly Farming, the Green Business Program, and others,  
18 all play an important role in the California wine communities'  
19 efforts to grow grapes and produce wine in a manner that is  
20 environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially  
21 equitable; and

22 WHEREAS, Growing participation in organic, biodynamic, and  
23 sustainable certification programs further conveys California  
24 vintners' and growers' adherence to high standards, desire for  
25 transparency, and dedication to continuous improvement; and

26 WHEREAS, California's wine community conserves water,  
27 energy, and other natural resources, protects habitat, employee  
28 welfare, and air, water, and soil quality, and promotes the use of  
29 natural pest management and alternative energy and fuels; and

30 WHEREAS, California's 3,600 wineries and 4,600 winegrape  
31 growers are primarily family businesses, with a long-term  
32 commitment to the health and vitality of their communities, and  
33 to preserving the land for future generations; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims April 2013 as  
36 the time to celebrate the sustainable leadership of California  
37 wineries and winegrape growers with the theme, "California Wines:  
38 Down to Earth" month, timed to Earth Day on April 22; and be it  
39 further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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